

Town of New Fairfield
Board of Finance
4 Brush Hill Road
New Fairfield, CT 06812

MINUTES

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
7:00 PM
Via Zoom

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Michael Cammarota
Tom Garben
Jane Landers
Anthony Yorio
Brian Shea, Alternate
Mark Werner, Alternate
Greg Williams, Alternate

Members not present:

Cheryl Reedy

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
BOE Director of Business and Operations Dr. Rich Sanzo

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

BOE Director of Business and Operations Dr. Rich Sanzo gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting. Chairman Wes Marsh thanked Dr. Sanzo for accommodating the BOF for this meeting and all the hard work that he and others have done to coordinate all the Zoom meetings.

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- Cheryl Reedy was not able to attend this meeting and asked that Greg Williams act in her absence.

Correspondence and Announcements

Public Comment- None

BOS Operating expenditure budget surplus for the 2019-2020 budget

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco thanked the BOF for putting this special meeting together and spoke of the time sensitivity of some of the requested uses for the surplus. She spoke of the following budget surplus request that was approved at the BOS meeting of September 24, 2020 and gave a brief explanation.

- Boat Dock replacement lock box- The Town is currently spending approximately \$25,000 for repairs for the docks therefore, it is cost efficient to have the repairs done as soon as possible.
- Public Works Truck & Equipment- This would be for a new plow truck replacing NF17.
- Sewer study- Having sewers as well as a reliable water supply could be beneficial and could allow certain types of businesses to come into the center of town.
- Road Repair- This would allow the town to continue to maintain roads for the next year.
- Revaluation- Revaluation is required every five years at a cost of \$200,000. The town needs to put aside \$40,000 per year to pay for this.
- Zoning Regulations- The current Zoning Regulations are out of date with State statutes and conflict internally and need to be addressed as soon as possible.

There was a discussion among the members of the BOF regarding these requests. It was noted that everything except the Boat Dock repairs was in the original budget. The BOF spoke of the time sensitivity of these requests and whether or not it is prudent to approve only what is necessary at this special meeting and wait until a regular meeting of the BOF to approve everything else. This would allow for transparency and would give the public more time to give their input. There was a brief discussion of ways to fund COVID 19 needs if necessary.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (Town meeting NOT required due to Governor’s Executive order) in the amount of \$623,027.90 which represents 100% of the 2019/2020 Expenditure surplus and prior fiscal year encumbrances close outs. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$	Transfer From		\$	Transfer To	
\$597,828.43	E25321	General Fund-Unreserved (2019/2020 Surplus)	\$225,000.00	301-4150-0000-000/700.04	Cap & Non-Boat Dock Replacement Lock Box
\$25,199.47	E25321	General Fund-Unreserved (Prior Year Close out)	\$215,000.00	301-4330-0000-000/742.03	Cap & Non-Public Works Truck and Equipment
			\$70,000.00	301-4330-0000-000/742.04	Cap & Non-Bridge and Drainage Sewer Study
			\$56,127.90	001-4310-0000-000/451.00	Public Works-Road Repair
			\$40,000.00	301-4153-0000-000/337.01	Cap & Non-Revaluation
			\$16,900.00	301-4192-0000-000/700.05	Cap & Non-Zoning Regulations Maintenance
\$623,027.90			\$623,027.90		

Public Comment- Pat Del Monaco thanked the BOF for addressing the surplus at a special meeting.

Board Member Comments- None

Adjournment

Michael Cammarota made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

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